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Owner: Charles Jones

Date of Erection: About 1810-1820

Architect:

Builder: John Bispham

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone to grade,
                                brick above

                                Exterior walls - brick,
                                Flemish bond on front;
                                modern brick wing on the
                                east elevation added by
                                present owner

                                Interior walls - plaster

                                Inside brick chimneys

                                Roof - pitch with dormers

Historical Data:

        The house was apparently built by John Bispham
or during his ownership. In 1842 the property came into
the possession of Charles Bispham his son. The executors
of the estate of Charles Bispham sold to Samuel A. Dobbins
in 1887. In 1907 John J. Norcross, the sheriff, gave
title to J. Aquilla Jones. The property was sold by
Jones to a development company, but he received it back
in 1929 and gave title to Charles Jones in 1932.

Charles Bispham was born in Mt. Holly
in 1798, the son of John Bispham who was born in
that town in 1759. His older brother was a member
of the firm of Archer and Bispham of Philadelphia
who were engaged in India and China trade; so we
find Charles Bispham on his way to Calcutta at the
age of twenty-one. After years of business he
returned in 1840 to Mt. Holly residing in the home-
stead where he was born. He was one of the projectors
of the Mt. Holly Railroad and its president until his
death in 1882.

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